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Tories tops, but not by much: Poll

POLITICS Conservatives are still slightly ahead in public opinion polls over the main opposition Liberals, but would have no clear chance of victory if an election were held now, according to a weekly survey released Thursday.

The Ekos poll for the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. put the federal Conservatives at 32.8 per cent support, up from 32.7 per cent last week. The Liberals were at 30.2 per cent, down from 31.0 per cent. Neither of the two main parties is close to hitting the 40 per cent mark that would virtually guarantee winning a majority of the 308 seats in the House of Commons.

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Single?
Said who

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Storms batter south Ontario

Telus Field Heading home



Edmonton Capitals second basemen Mitch Graham slides into home on a throwing error by the Calgary Vipers at yesterday's noon game at Telus Field. The Capitals beat out the Vipers 7-6 with a hit by Chad Ehrnsberger in the bottom of the ninth inning with bases loaded to score a run by Darryl Brinkley.

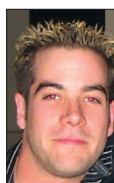
Murder suspect held

Police on hunt for others in Pillay homicide case

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More than a month after family members found 40-year-old Preshandra Pillay bleeding and beaten in the doorway of his south-side apartment building, police have charged a man in connection with his death.

Sean Luther Reaugh, 30, was quietly taken into custody Tuesday, and was charged with second-degree murder, robbery, credit card fraud and two



Reaugh

breaches of probation. Police spokeswoman Karen Carlson said it's believed the victim and suspect were at a strip club at 78 Avenue and 71 Street the evening of July 7.

"The victim wound up leaving Showgirls and, a short time after that, is when the suspect and possibly others followed.

Murder 17

• Pillay's death was treated as suspicious by police until recently. He is now considered Edmonton's 17th murder victim of the year.

That's when the assault occurred," she said, adding it's believed the victim and suspect were strangers.

It's believed the victim and suspects had little to no interaction in the club before the attack, Carlson added.

The manhunt began after Pillay died in hospital. He was alive and speaking coherently when taken away from his condo complex at 79 Avenue and 71 Street. Family members told Metro in previous interviews his skull was cracked, and he bled to death. Police are withholding the official cause of death. Police are searching for additional suspects. Photos of a man sought in connection with the killing circulated after the murder, a man police have not yet found.

Journalist still captive one year later

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KIDNAPPING One year after she was snatched off a So-malian roadside at gunpoint, Alberta-born journalist Amanda Lindhout remains held by her captors.

"There are a lot of unanswered questions — it's not the conventional kidnapping and ransom case whatsoever," said Calgary-based anti-terrorism expert Daniel Clayton.

Clayton met Lindhout two years ago in Afghanistan. The tall, attractive, white woman represented the ideal target for kidnappers, he said.

"I remember telling someone 'she better be careful,'" Clayton said.

In the year she's been held captive, conflicting reports on her condition have surfaced, and the ransom has been raised and lowered significantly. Sources in Somalia tell Clayton the 28-year-old woman now could be released for as little as \$250,000. Though the government does not negotiate with terrorists, a visit from a political figure to the Somali government could mean a chance for freedom, Clayton said.



Lindhout

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Nearly 100 First Nations youth graduated from mock Canadian Forces training Thursday at CFB Wainwright. The Bold Eagle program teaches weapons handling, navigation, first aid and rappelling, and includes Metis and Inuit youth from Western Canada and Northwestern Ontario. **METRO EDMONTON**

Local



Canadian Derby at the post

Seven imports and five local hopefuls make up this year's 80th Canadian Derby field. The full field of 12 for the \$300,000 race on Saturday afternoon gives Northlands Park the maximum number of starters. Post time for the Derby day card is 11 a.m.

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News in brief

CONCERT Take the highway somewhere more fun than Hell next Thursday: See AC/DC shake Commonwealth Stadium all night long. In preparation for the rock legends appearance, the City of Edmonton is offering tips to concertgoers. Park & Ride transportation will be available from six regular locations and LRT services will be increased as parking restrictions will be in effect around the stadium. Concertgoers who appear drunk will be asked to leave; drunk and disorderly behaviour may result in arrest.

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One is the loneliest number

Solo Fringe shows demonstrate the good and bad of going it alone

FringeFest

YURI WUENSCH
for Metro Edmonton

The success of a one-man show, or a one-woman show for that matter, can often depend on a certain sense of self-awareness, or engaging members of the audience to make them part of the proceedings. When it works, it can be theatrical magic. When it doesn't ... heck, it looks lonely up there.

Randy Rutherford's Weaverville Waltz is a childhood reminiscence of unrequited love and a troubled home life interspersed with snippets of song — one of Rutherford's award-winning trademarks.

It's hard not to like Rutherford as a performer; he's got an easy charm and a gift for creating nuanced characters. But as a play, Weaverville Waltz is one slow dance. The play's young protagonist, Randy, suffers humility at the hands of school bullies and a drunken stepfather, but

by the play's end it's hard to discern exactly how those experiences shaped his adult life. And because it took so long to get there, I sort of stopped caring. The Waltz is at least 20 minutes too long.

More successful is The Further Adventures of Antoine Feval, actor Chris Gibbs' comedic take on the Sherlock Holmes mythos (this may whet the appetite for those waiting expectantly for Robert Downey Jr.'s upcoming big-screen turn as Holmes).

In the show, Gibbs takes

on the role of Barnaby, a Watson-like sidekick to the titular London master sleuth Feval. Together, they must stop a conspiracy to take over the British Empire, i.e. the world. It's grandiose, but the fact is that I can scarcely remember the plot; it strikes me that Gibbs may well make it up as he goes along from show to show anyway.

On the shoulders of a lesser actor, that lack of plotting could be painful to watch, but Gibbs only splits sides. He keeps things rolling, glossing over the

details in favour of adlibbing or playing off the audience. His rapid-fire dry wit and deadpan delivery make you forgive, and forget, that there was a story in the first place.

G-Man Confidential

Sterling Lynch

Read Sterling's Fringe Festival blog at metronews.ca/blogs

Naughty dogs giving their owners fits

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BAD DOGS Edmonton's canine population has proven its bark is just as bad as its bite.

Five of Canada's Naughtiest Dogs live right here in Edmonton. A contest launched by the pet training company Bark Busters has proven Edmonton four-leggers are the baddest of the bad.

Finalist Toby, a seven-month-old beagle cross, chews everything in sight, barks incessantly and hates kids, his owner Eva DeFazio said.

"He doesn't seem to listen, he disrespects everyone," she said.

"The worst thing he did was when he got into the laundry room and chewed up all our clothes. I almost



Bishop, a local bad dog, eats a pair of shoes on his owner's bed. Of canines in Canada's Naughtiest Dog Contest 90 per cent bark excessively, 60 per cent are chronic chewers and 50 per cent jump on people.

killed him."

After Toby spent most of his sessions at puppy obedience school in "time out," and dug a tunnel into the neighbour's backyard,

DeFazio realized he needed "a lot of work."

Toby joins boxer Raya, husky Roger, border collie Emma and Yorkshire terrier Dixie the Diva in the

contest.

The winner will receive a group training session for 10 dog friends, personal training sessions and \$500 from Bark Busters.

Mounties nab suspect who evaded arrest

CRIME A 24-year-old Red Deer man was scheduled to appear in Provincial Court yesterday after evading arrest for over a week.

Red Deer RCMP recently apprehended Elia Dominic, who was at-large after an incident two weeks ago. Dominic, 24, of Red Deer, was one of three men who allegedly forcibly contained, assaulted and robbed a 35-year-old man.

The other two men charged, Bul Tor, 29, and Gabriel Kuereng, 28, both of Calgary, were arrested shortly after the incident. However Dominic was not located until recently. He faces five charges related to assault and robbery.

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Officers have given 126 verbal warnings since the "Sidewalks for Pedestrians" education campaign about bikes and skateboards on Whyte Avenue, which began on Aug. 11. Thirteen tickets have been issued so far; eleven of those were given to bicycle operators and two to skateboarders. **METRO EDMONTON**

City, feds invest nearly \$100,000 in park

FUNDING The City of Edmonton and the government of Canada announced yesterday that they're investing nearly \$100,000 in Norwood Square Park.

"Through Canada's Economic Action Plan, our government is creating immediate jobs and supporting long-term growth," said Peter Goldring, Edmonton East MP, in a press release.

Goldring, along with Coun. Tony Caterina, revealed the playground surface replacement initiative in Norwood Square Park in a press conference yesterday.

The playground surface will be replaced utilizing recycled materials, creating universal access to the area.

The city devoted \$48,000; Western Economic Diversification, under the Recreation Infrastructure Canada program, supplied \$49,586.

METRO EDMONTON

Legislature Beating the heat



Myles Tomson, 4, cools off yesterday at the pool at the legislature grounds. Temperatures hit a high of 25 C.

Laser leads to charge

Man arrested after beam shone into chopper

KENDALL WALTERS
for Metro Edmonton

A 38-year-old Lacombe man has been charged with shining a laser pointer into a helicopter.

AIR-1, the Edmonton Police Service helicopter, was flying over 106 Street and Whitemud Drive just before 10:30 p.m. on Wednesday when something disrupted the pilots; someone had shone a laser beam into the cockpit.

After the flight crew traced the light back to a vehicle near 38 Avenue and Mill Woods Road, they guided ground units to the suspect. Police pulled the

suspect over near 34 Avenue and 91 Street and arrested him.

Alvin Bautista, 38, of Lacombe has been charged with interfering with the safe operation of an aircraft under the federal Aeronautics Act.

"This is the first time we've charged anyone under the Aeronautics Act," said Jeff Wuite, EPS public information officer.

The police are unsure of any possible motivation.

"It's certainly not common, but this isn't a unique situation," said Wuite. "We've had several incidents like this in Edmonton."

According to Wuite, inci-

idents like this have occurred across North America ever since laser pointers became an item that was readily available to the public.

A weak laser pointer could temporarily alter a pilot's night vision, making flight unsafe.

Unfortunately, laser pointers also have the potential to cause real damage: A stronger pointer could actually cause permanent tissue damage.

Purposely obscuring or altering a pilot's vision, especially one flying over a residential area, could also have disastrous consequences for those on the ground.

Edmonton Dragon Boat Festival celebrates 13 years

OUTDOORS Celebrate a piece of Edmonton's multicultural heritage with the Dragon Boat Festival this weekend, as 52 teams paddle along 400 metres of the North Saskatchewan River.

Explore the numerous environmentally friendly products, ideas and practices showcased, grab a drink at the beer garden, take in the singers and dancers, witness the tradi-

tional Buddhist blessing of the boats, and sit back and enjoy the excitement.

The festival is celebrating its 13th season as Alberta's largest festival and competition event with

the theme Lucky 13, which includes 13 performers, and Lucky 13 T-shirts designed by one of the festival's paddlers.

Festival activities will take place in Louise McKin-

ney Riverfront Park from Friday to Sunday.

For a program of events, visit edmontondragonboatfestival.com.

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A Tax Court of Canada judge has ruled the Canada Revenue Agency can't collect income tax bills for \$400,000 and \$643,000 from a former Montreal stripper who received \$1.3 million in cash and two cars, a bar, a home, furs and jewels — a total value of \$2 million — from a businessman, CBC News Online reports. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Judge rules former stripper's gifts can't be taxed

Canada



Office owner finds decades-old mail

As the new owner of an old post office, Stirling, Ont., resident Rosanna Clark found herself helping to deliver 68-year-old mail. She found nine pieces of undelivered mail earlier this summer while renovating her new office, including a letter dating back to 1941. The letters have since been sent to Canada Post's undeliverable mail office in Toronto. Workers there will open the sealed envelopes and continue the search for new addresses for the recipients.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Tornadoes kill one in Ontario

WEATHER Close to 69,000 Ontario residents were left without power after a series of destructive thunderstorms and several tornadoes ripped through south-western Ontario Thursday.

Over half of these residents are in the area of Owen Sound and Walkerton, which is just north of Durham, Ont., where a tornado was spotted.

The OPP have confirmed there is at least one fatality after strong winds and storms blasted through the town of Durham, 50 kilometres south of Owen Sound, this afternoon. Residents said a shed collapsed in a conservation park in the north end of town, killing a person inside.

Another 6,000 people in cottage country near Georgian Bay and in Muskoka were left in the dark, said Hydro One representative Daniele Gauvin. The num-



A tree was uprooted in York Region, north of Toronto, by a powerful storm Thursday evening. At least four tornadoes reportedly touched down in the region, leaving one person dead.

bers do not include homes and businesses in the York region, which was battered by high winds.

In Toronto, subway service was suspended between

Wilson and Downsview stations after outages. There were also multiple pockets of power outages throughout the city and downtown.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

From no call to no tell

CRTC won't disclose identities of list violators

The CRTC is to hold secret talks next week to determine whether three unidentified telemarketers knowingly violated the national do-not-call list, the Toronto Star has learned.

The agency has gone to extraordinary lengths to ensure you don't know who the telemarketers are and what they did. They won't even let you know when exactly the three CRTC commissioners handling the matter are going to talk to each other by phone.

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission took the step of striking the panel after the telemarketers refused to pay undisclosed fines.

A CRTC spokesperson

Fines

- Companies violating the do-not-call list can be fined up to \$15,000 per call, and individuals can be fined up to \$1,500.

said if the three commissioners, Timothy Denton, Louise Poirier and Michel Arpin, determine the telemarketers have violated the almost year-old rules, only then will their names be published along with the fine on the CRTC website.

The no-call-list law was introduced in September 2008 to protect consumers from being bothered by telemarketers.

Some seven million telephone numbers have been

registered on the do-not-call list.

Queen's University law Prof. Art Cockfield said yesterday the CRTC should be shaming telemarketers, not going to great lengths to protect their identity.

Besides refusing to name telemarketers, the CRTC went as far as telling the Toronto Star "there are no documents" relating to offending telemarketers, even though it has issued a total of seven telemarketers with violation notices and confirmed that hundreds of others were under investigation.

"Disclosing the identity of the telemarketing company would act as a significant deterrent, the so-called shaming factor," said Cockfield.

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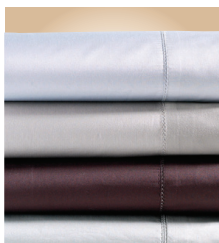
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U.S. President Barack Obama wants Israel and the Palestinians to restart peace talks as soon as possible and urged both sides to advance the process, the White House said Thursday. **REUTERS**

World



Love runs deep for lost wedding ring

A New Zealand man has been dubbed the Lord of the Ring after he searched and found his wedding ring more than a year after it slipped off his finger and sank to the sea floor. The ring was lost for 16 months in the Wellington Harbour, before Aleki Taumoepeau found it shining on the sea floor, a newspaper reported Thursday. Taumoepeau, an ecologist, had been married for just three months when he lost the ring while conducting an environmental sweep of the harbour. **REUTERS**

Afghans vote despite violence

Millions of Afghans went to the polls Thursday, defying Taliban threats of violence and sporadic attacks to choose a president in the midst of a worsening war.

"The Afghan people dared rockets, bombs and intimidation and came out to vote," President Hamid Karzai told a news conference after polls closed.

The Afghan government said nine civilians and 14 members of the security forces were killed in a total of 135 incidents country-wide on polling day.

Rockets fell on towns, especially in the south and east, and two gunmen wearing suicide vests were killed in a gunbattle in Kabul, but the Taliban failed to mount a single spectacular strike that could threaten the poll. Violence tapered off as the day went on.



An election official sorts through ballot papers at a polling station in Kandahar Thursday.

Election results

- Preliminary results are not due for two weeks, although polling stations could begin to report sooner.

"Overall, the security situation has been better than

we feared. That is certainly the most positive aspect of these elections," said Kai Eide, head of the UN mission in Kabul.

"The security situation has, in general, allowed people to take part in the elections," he said. Pre-election polls showed Karzai, in

power since 2001, is likely to win but not by enough to avoid a run-off against his main challenger, his former foreign minister Abdullah Abdullah. If Karzai fails to win more than 50 per cent of the vote he will face a run-off in October.

REUTERS

Iran's speaker ready to study rape allegations



PROTESTERS Iran's parliamentary speaker said on Thursday he was ready to consider any documents submitted by pro-reform cleric Mehdi Karubi to support his allegations that some imprisoned reformist protesters have been raped, the IRNA news agency reported.

Ali Larijani made the comment a day after Karubi asked to meet top officials including President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad to present evidence of the alleged abuse of detainees following

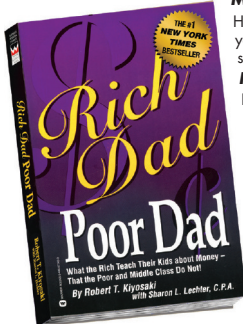
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protests after June's disputed election. Karubi, who came fourth in the vote, has come under fire from hardliners for making the allegation, which the authorities have rejected as "baseless."

"He can pursue these issues and we are prepared to consider their documents and proofs," IRNA quoted Larijani as saying. "We have no interest in keeping any part of this issue concealed from the public."

Some hardliners have called for Karubi to be arrested if he fails to prove his allegations. Last week, he said some of those arrested had been killed under torture. **REUTERS**

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Lockerbie bomber released from prison

SCOTLAND A former Libyan agent jailed for life for the 1988 Lockerbie bombing that killed 270 people flew home on Thursday after Scottish authorities released him on compassionate grounds because he is dying of cancer.

Abdel Basset al-Megrahi, believed to have less than three months to live, was released on the order of Scotland's justice minister despite strong opposition

270
People killed, including three Canadians, in the 1988 Pan Am 103 bombing.

from the U.S., which had campaigned to keep him in prison. Pan Am flight 103 was carrying 189 Americans when it left London for New York on Dec. 21, 1988.

In all, 259 people on board and 11 on the ground were killed in the bombing.

"He is a dying man, he is terminally ill," Scottish Justice Minister Kenny MacAskill said. "My decision is that he returns home to die." In a statement issued by his lawyer after his departure, Megrahi said that he was innocent and had been wrongly jailed, but also thanked Scotland for setting him free. **REUTERS**

News in brief

IRAQ Iraqis seethed at their security forces Thursday after 95 people died and more than 1,000 were wounded in the bloodiest day of attacks in Iraq this year, many blaming political infighting as elections near. Wednesday's explosions struck at the heart of Iraqi state power, close to Baghdad's heavily fortified Green Zone.

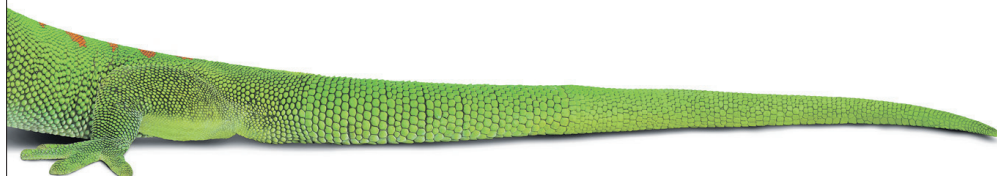
PAKISTAN The deputy head of the Pakistani Taliban said he has temporarily taken over command after the reported killing of leader Baitullah Mehsud. Pakistani and U.S. officials are almost certain Mehsud was killed in a strike by a CIA drone on Aug. 5. Faqir Mohammad, deputy head of the Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan, or Taliban Movement of Pakistan, has denied Mehsud was killed and, like other Taliban commanders, said he was sick and laying low. **REUTERS**

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Labourers work at a rice mill in India's northeastern state of Tripura Thursday. India's cabinet approved raising the purchase price for common rice by about \$19.50 US.

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Comment

Elect an Aboriginal unifying force



Bernd Christmas
Guest Columnist

When Aboriginal Canadians gather next month to elect a new leader of the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples, an organization founded to represent off-reserve Aboriginal Peoples, they will not just be answering the question of who leads the congress, but perhaps who actually represents Aboriginal Peoples in Canada.

During the CAP's 38-year

history it has battled for that right with the better known — and richer — Assembly of First Nations (the AFN received \$27 million in grants from the federal government alone in 2008, compared to \$5.5 million for CAP), which says it represents all First Nations, though its leadership is elected only by First Nations band chiefs, whose governments receive \$10 billion in funding from Indian Affairs — a source of tension for First Nations people living off reserve who can't access those funds or that level of support.

According to Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada population projections, in 2009, there are 482,600 on-reserve Status Indians and 350,000 off reserve, though Statistics Canada says only 40 percent of First Nations people live on reserves.

So at stake in these elections is this: Will a new CAP leader work with the newly elected AFN National Chief, Shawn Atleo, on behalf of all aboriginals, rather than against each other as their two predecessors did?

How bad was it? The AFN's former national chief Phil Fontaine declared in

2007 about CAP: "It is deeply insulting when the government supports a puppet organization, of questionable representation, with a straw man for a leader, who slams First Nations leadership."

In 2008, CAP's former national chief Patrick Brazeau responded: "The AFN national chief said he represents all First Nations people. Well, I'm a First Nations person and I did not give him that right to represent me. As a matter of fact, he living off-reserve, means I represent him."

Let's add a few more national organizations into

the mix: The Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami, the Metis Nation and the Native Women's Association.

Collectively, the five organizations represent all Indigenous Peoples. Sometimes they work together, but for the most part they don't.

Clearly all Indigenous Peoples are not one homogenous body, and are all very distinctive.

But surely no one can argue that collectively they are on the same page as a result of the poor treatment of Indigenous Peoples. All are fighting for recognition and implemen-

tation of rights, within the law.

The CAP election may be the first step for an organization to take the high road and elect a leader that is willing to go the extra mile. All Indigenous Peoples are looking for leaders that can bring them a better life. Education, health care, employment, justice, thriving economies and equality are issues that need attention. Will it ever be possible to form one political body to represent all?

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Views

Hopefully, the dog seen him do it near the shop's @

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Words are my business. So it shouldn't surprise anyone that I pay more attention to them than most. I must ensure that whatever I write is spelled properly and correctly conveys the meaning I intended. This is particularly true for pieces of work like this one. If an error escapes the notice of

my editor, it will be displayed for all to see.

That doesn't mean I am a "grammar granny" on the lookout for errors.

In fact, I've become a lot more flexible. I no longer want to argue the case that "hopefully" is an adverb and that saying "Hopefully, the dog went home," actually means the dog went home with a hopeful look on its face.

Hearing someone say, "I seen him do it," or "I would have went," will probably always make me cringe. But, in the end, language is about conveying meaning and if the listener

or reader arrives at the correct meaning in spite of errors in usage, then so be it.

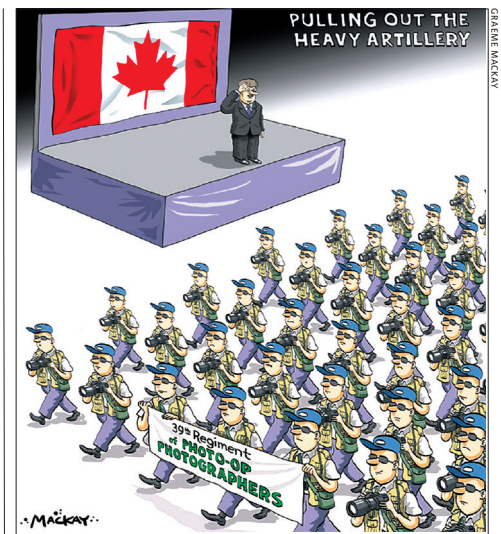
All that being said, there are still examples of writing that stop me dead in my tracks. I see one such example every day.

Outside one of Edmonton's downtown office towers that has stores on its main floor there are banners that say "The shop's @." For the life of me, I have not been able to figure out what this statement is supposed to mean.

Without the apostrophe, I could take it to mean that the banner was pointing out the entrance to the

shops in the building. That would at least make sense. However, maybe it is meant to say "The shop is at." But what shop is it referring to? The idea that the apostrophe is meant to show possession is completely beyond my comprehension. We pride ourselves on being a creative city. I often think about how many visitors have looked up at that banner and wondered if they were seeing artistic licence or just sloppy writing.

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U.S. clears way for Alberta Clipper pipeline

The United States has approved Enbridge Inc.'s \$3.3-billion US Alberta Clipper pipeline project. **REUTERS**

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Business

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Jet deal cancelled

Bombardier contract worth up to \$1.5B

Bombardier Inc. said Thursday that it scrapped a large Learjet contract with Jet Republic after the upstart private aviation company declared insolvency, underlining the ongoing turbulence in the business jet market.

The contract for 25 Learjet 60 XR mid-sized jets accounted for \$240 million US of Bombardier's backlog. If the options for 85 more jets had been exer-

Déjà vu

• Last week, Bombardier cancelled a deal to supply Italian low-cost carrier MyAir.com with 15 CRJ1000 regional jets, after MyAir had its licence suspended by Italy's aviation authorities due to financial difficulties.

cised, it would have been worth up to \$1.5 billion. The jets were due to en-

ter service over the course of the next two years, starting in October 2009.

The Montreal-based aerospace and transportation company's aerospace's backlog stood at \$22.4 billion as of April 30.

"The order was among the largest single business jet orders Bombardier had ever recorded," Cameron Doerksen, an analyst at Versant Partners, said in a note to clients. **REUTERS**

Mexico Volkswagen strike



Workers at Volkswagen AG's Mexican plant arrive for wage negotiations between the union and the company at the Labour Ministry in Mexico City on Thursday. Workers went on strike on Tuesday after wage negotiations between Volkswagen, one of Mexico's biggest manufacturers, and the plant's union broke down.

In brief

TRADE Canadian wholesale trade rose for the first time in nine months in June, up 0.6 per cent from May on higher sales of automotive products as well as food, drink and tobacco, Statistics Canada said Thursday. Sales in the automotive products sector increased by 3.3 per cent from May, but were still 24.6 per cent below levels in June 2008.

DEAL Software giant Oracle Corp has won U.S. antitrust approval to buy computer maker Sun Microsystems, clearing a key hurdle in the companies' plan to close the \$7.4 billion deal before the end of this month. Oracle said Thursday that the deal cleared the U.S. Justice Department with no restrictions. The takeover also requires approval by the European Commission. **REUTERS**

Heinz, Hormel serve up better-than-expected profits

FOOD Packaged food makers H.J. Heinz Co. and Hormel Foods Corp both posted better-than-expected quarterly profits as consumers eat more at home to save money, lifting sales of products like ketchup and Spam.

Heinz, which makes Ore-Ida potatoes in addition to ketchup, said Thursday that it also benefited from strength in emerging markets and price increases, although the stronger U.S. dollar cut into sales outside the United States, causing net income to fall.

Hormel, which also makes Dinty Moore canned stew, saw profits boosted by lower costs for livestock feed in its Jennie-O turkey

business.

Most U.S. food companies have benefited over the past year from consumers trying to cut costs by eating more at home during the recession rather than at restaurants.

"People are willing to sacrifice convenience and make their own meals," Edward Jones analyst Matthew Arnold said of consumers cutting costs.

It remains to be seen, however, whether people who rediscovered eating at home because of the recession will continue to do so when the economy picks up, or whether they will flock back to restaurants. **REUTERS**

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Retailer GameStop Corp., the biggest U.S. videogame retailer, said on Thursday that quarterly profit fell 32 per cent as a drop in demand for new consoles and the absence of any breakout hits hurt sales. **REUTERS**

Teachers' pension fund buys out CTV's stake in Maple Leaf Sports

SPORTS The Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan said Thursday it is buying a 7.7 per cent stake in Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment from privately held media company CTVglobemedia.

Buying out the last of CTVglobemedia's investment means Teachers will have a 66 per cent stake in MLSE, Canada's largest sports company. Financial terms weren't disclosed.

MLSE, which is also privately held, owns and operates the National Hockey League's Toronto Maple Leafs, the National Basketball Association's Toronto Raptors and Toronto FC of Major League Soccer. It also owns several sports and concert venues, including the Air Canada Centre.

Ivan Fecan, CTVglobemedia's chief executive, said his company is exiting the investment "profitably" and added the proceeds from the sale will be used to pay down debt. **REUTERS**

Bookseller delays forecast

Barnes & Noble gearing up for \$596M college bookstore deal

Barnes & Noble Inc.'s quarterly profit did not fall as much as expected, but its shares skidded as sales kept sliding and the retailer put off updating its annual forecast to around Oct. 1 as it prepares to buy Barnes & Noble College Booksellers.

Last week, Barnes & Noble announced plans to buy Barnes & Noble College Booksellers for \$596 million, a move that would expand its store base and provide entry into the digital textbook arena.

Traditional booksellers like Barnes & Noble are facing increased pressure from online retailers, especially from web giant Amazon.com Inc. At the same time, consumers have cut back on discretionary purchases, including books.

With more books sold online, and with new technology such as electronic book readers slowly gaining momentum, booksellers are scrambling to gain entry in the digital market. **REUTERS**

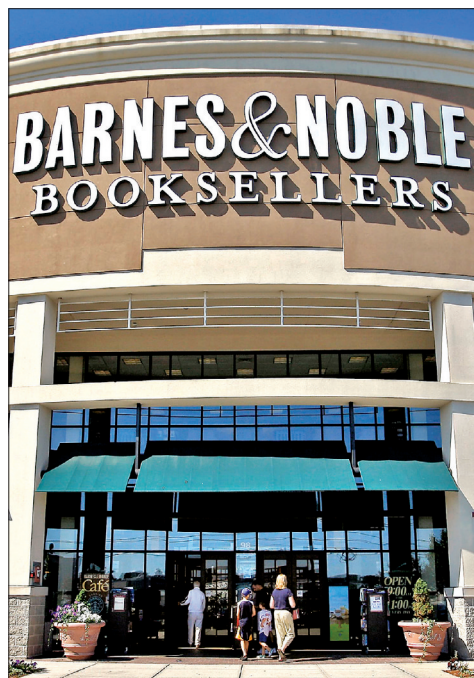
Earnings down

• Barnes & Noble earned \$12.3 million US in its second quarter that ended Aug. 1, down from \$15.4 million US a year earlier.

In July, Barnes & Noble unveiled an online store for digital books. The company expects to offer well over 1 million titles digitally by the end of the year, Chief Executive Steve Riggo said during a conference call.

Last week, Barnes & Noble announced plans to buy Barnes & Noble College Booksellers for \$596 million, a move that would expand its store base and provide entry into the digital textbook arena.

The company stressed that the majority of U.S. colleges and universities still run their own book stores, which suggests a big opportunity for new business as institutions may look to offload that responsibility. **REUTERS**



Barnes & Noble expects to offer more than one million titles by the end of the year at its online store for digital books.

AIG's new chief confident firm will pay back bailout debt

INSURANCE Robert Benmosche, the newly appointed chief executive officer of American International Group Inc., says he expects the bailed-out insurer to be able to repay its federal debts and to boost value for shareholders, according to a report by Bloomberg News.

Shares rose strongly after the report, rising as much as 31 per cent on the New York Stock Exchange.

"At the end of the day, we believe we will be able to pay back the government and we hope we will be able to do something for our shareholders as well," Benmosche told Bloomberg while on vacation in Croatia. "My first charge is to get the company to operate at the level it used to operate, being the world's best," he said, according to the report. "The fact is we owe the U.S. government a lot of money and we are not going to be able to pay it back just by our profits, so we will sell some of the company off, but only at the right time at the right price."

An AIG spokeswoman declined to comment on the report, or the increase in the company's stock price on Thursday.

AIG will become "a little smaller. It is too big for any one person to run. It is huge," Benmosche said, according to a video recording by Bloomberg. **REUTERS**

GE Canada CEO claims credit markets opening

LENDING Credit markets in Canada have begun to open and the government's \$40 billion stimulus package has started to spawn new project bids, contracts and even jobs, according to the chief executive of GE Canada, one of the nation's biggest lenders after top banks.

GE Canada, one of the most important global arms of U.S.-based General Electric Co., last month helped Air Canada avoid its second bankruptcy filing in six years with a \$1.02 billion financing raised in a series of transactions. Weeks earlier the conglomerate's financing unit, GE Capital, led an \$800 million exit financing for the U.S. and Canadian businesses of Quebecor World Inc. **REUTERS**

Merkel 'very skeptical' of RHJ's chances with Opel

GERMANY Chancellor Angela Merkel said she was skeptical that financial investor RHJ International would succeed in its bid for carmaker Opel. GM, which before the board of General Motors was expected to announce its preference.

Merkel told the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung she was "very skeptical" about the prospects for RHJ and reiterated her preference for a rival offer from Canadian supplier Magna. The two are battling to buy European carmaker Opel. GM, which holds a stake in the firm, and the German government, set to provide aid, must agree on the buyer.

GM's board of directors will address the sale of Opel Friday and aims to recommend one of the suitors, sources close to the deal have told Reuters. German Economy Minister Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg said he expected GM to send a signal about its preference Friday.

State aid

• Germany, worried about 25,000 Opel jobs in Germany before next month's election, has firmed up an offer to make 4.5 billion euros (\$7 billion) in state aid available should GM select Magna, Berlin's preferred partner.

He said he won assurances from other European states that have Opel plants that they would contribute to aid for Opel.

Britain, home to another of GM Europe's brands, Vauxhall, said it expected the board to make an objective decision which will "secure the long-term viability of both Opel and Vauxhall in the UK." **REUTERS**

Business in brief

RETAIL Gap Inc. posted a slightly stronger than expected quarterly profit Thursday as more full-price sales, inventory controls and cost cuts helped offset declining revenue. The company behind the Gap, Old Navy and Banana Republic chains — whose shares are up 39 per cent since

January — has improved profit margins even amid slumping sales. Net income for Gap's second quarter ended Aug. 1 fell to \$228 million US from \$229 million US a year earlier. Earnings per share were 33 cents US, up from 32 cents US a year earlier, when there were more shares outstanding. **REUTERS**



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Take Sushma and Baskar Rao. The software engineer and her chartered accountant husband landed in Canada on January 16 this year, and the very next day they applied for SIN cards and credit cards. Having activated their Canadian banking account while still in Bangalore (India), they were also able to transfer their funds to Canada with great ease – something that was not possible before Scotiabank launched the *Scotiabank StartRight™* program for newcomers to Canada.

Baskar was one of the first applicants in India to take advantage of the *Scotiabank StartRight* Program. “We had an account with Scotiabank in Canada within a week of applying in India, and within two or three weeks, we had remitted funds to Canada,” he says.

“The credit goes to my brother,” says Baskar, 34. “He told me to check out the *Scotiabank StartRight* Program for newcomers that Scotiabank offers through its branches and in partnership with HDFC Bank in India.”

Rania Llewellyn, Vice-President, Multicultural Banking at Scotiabank, says Canada receives approximately 250,000 new immigrants a year. She adds “While a very significant proportion of these are from South Asia, China and the Philippines, the *Scotiabank StartRight* Program addresses the needs of all new immigrants, wherever they come from.”

Establishing credit history in Canada is vital

Having worked in the US with KPMG for a year, Baskar says he knew it was important to get his credit history meter ticking as soon as possible. “With the *Scotiabank StartRight* Program, I was able to do so on day one.”

Sushma has also taken advantage of the small safety deposit box¹ offered free for a year as part of the *Scotiabank StartRight* Program. “Our focus group discussions show new immigrants place a high value on safety deposit boxes and getting a credit card,” says Pankaj Mehra, Director, India and South Asian Markets. Many immigrants with their inherent faith in precious metals would be happy to learn that Scotiabank is Canada’s gold bank.

“Through our subsidiary - ScotiaMocatta, we are one of the largest distributors of precious metals in the world - we cater to the

Scotiabank StartRight Program opens doors to a new life.

New immigrants coming to Canada tend to be educated, qualified, well-heeled and savvy.



very substantial gold and jewellery markets in India,” says Mehra. “In the Canadian context, what this means is that Scotiabank clients can invest in gold by getting coins and gold bars, and invest in other precious metals at our branches across Canada”

Getting settled – one step at a time

Baskar landed a job as an internal auditor, a month into the job hunt. “I’d been prepared to take whatever came my way as it is not good to sit idle, so it feels great to land a job in my field.” With the financial pressure off, Sushma was better able to concentrate on her own job hunt. She had met consultants, applied for positions, and eventually landed a job with Research in Motion.

When their immigration papers came through, Baskar says his father and brother advised him to move to Canada with his wife rather than coming alone first, finding a job and then getting her to join him. “Enjoy both the hardships and the happiness together,” they said.

Things which can be overwhelming for a new immigrant were handled with such ease thanks to the friendly and helpful people at Scotiabank. Honestly, I don’t see us facing any

hardships,” says Baskar. “Scotiabank helped us skip a few steps by starting us off on the right note while we were still in India – I call it the Dummies’ Guide to Banking! The *Scotiabank StartRight* Program opened the doors for us to our new life.”

Feeling at home in Canada

The Raos enjoyed their first Canadian winter this year. “Shovelling was fun – I was an apprentice to my brother!” laughs Baskar who was living together with his brother then. Sushma thinks Spring is beautiful and is looking forward to enjoying the beauty of each season as it unfolds – though we feel this summer hasn’t been anything to talk about.

“We love Canada,” says Sushma.

“Bangalore is multicultural in the local sense, Canada is multicultural in the international context. We fit right in. We feel at home!”

Hiring people from within the community

Making new immigrants feel at home are *Scotia®* advisors like Jaswant Thind, who apply their own experiences as new immigrants in their interactions with the bank’s clients.

With several years of experience in sales and finance in Punjab, India, Thind landed a transition job the day after landing at Pearson International. “When I got my first cheque a week later, I didn’t have an account to deposit it in” he recalls. Today, a financial advisor at Scotiabank’s Queen Street branch in Brampton, Thind advises newcomers on issues vital to their settling in well in their new country.

“I see people who have been in Canada for three or four years and still don’t have a credit card. They come from cash societies where credit card use is still to catch on in a big way. I tell them to apply for a no-fee credit card² through the *Scotiabank StartRight* Program; and that without a credit history, they will find it next to impossible to get a mortgage, or a car loan.”

He says people often feel more comfortable discussing their finances in their own language and he is happy to speak to customers in Punjabi. “Coming from a similar background, I feel I understand their needs better.”

Aware of the value South Asians place on education, he also advises them to invest in RESPs to finance their children’s higher studies. Thind is active in the community and says people will often approach him at the gurudwara (Sikh temple of worship) or at malls and parks to ask for financial tips. “Coming from a similar background, I feel I understand their needs better,” says Thind.

“At Scotiabank, we realize the importance of building a workforce that truly reflects the communities we serve” says Rania Llewellyn. The Bank embraces diversity in all its facets, and its culture is based on community and teamwork. “We even participate in programs that provide career opportunities to new immigrants”, she adds.

Scotia advisors like Jaswant Thind can serve new immigrants in many different languages.



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The University of Memphis men's basketball program has been forced to forfeit the record 38 wins and Final Four appearance it recorded during the 2007-08 season because the school used an ineligible player, the NCAA has ruled. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sports



Plaxico pleads guilty

Former New York Giant Plaxico Burress, left, pleaded guilty to a weapons charge Thursday and agreed to a two-year prison term for accidentally shooting himself at a Manhattan nightclub. The ex-wide receiver pleaded guilty to one count of attempted criminal possession of a weapon, a lesser charge than he initially faced. Burress' sentencing is set for Sept. 22. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Usain Bolt of Jamaica crosses the line to win the gold medal in the men's 200-metre final Thursday at the 12th IAAF World Athletics Championships at the Olympic Stadium in Berlin. Bolt set a new world record of 19.19 seconds.

Bolt sets another record

Jamaican breaks his 200m mark days after setting new 100m standard

Jamaica's Usain Bolt shattered his own 200-metre world record on Thursday to win gold at the world championships in a breathtaking 19.19 seconds and secure his place as the greatest sprinter ever seen.

One year exactly after he posted 19.30 seconds at the Beijing Olympics to beat Michael Johnson's "untouchable" 19.32 from the Atlanta Games, he sliced another 11 hundredths of a second off just as he did in Sunday's 100 when he ran 9.58.

"I was trying, I was dying. It wasn't a good race I can say but it was a fast one."

Usain Bolt

Bolt, who turns 23 on Saturday, is now the world record holder and world and Olympic champion in both sprints — something no other athlete has achieved.

"I was trying, I was dying," he said. "It wasn't a good race I can say but it was a fast one."

Jamaica's gold rush continued in the women's

400 hurdles when Olympic champion Melaine Walker ran the second-fastest time ever — 52.42 seconds — to take the island's tally to five.

Ryan Brathwaite of Barbados won the 110 hurdles in a blanket finish with the first three divided by one hundredth of a second.

Bolt said he had been working on his start and the evidence was there for all to see as within half a dozen of his galloping strides he had run down Panama's Alonso Edward, who went on to finish second in 19.81.

"Unbelievable — a ridiculous race. The bend is unbelievable," said former record-holder Johnson while commentating for the BBC.

"No one has ever run a bend like this and probably never will."

REUTERS

BoSox complete sweep of Jays

Boston 8 Toronto 1

BASEBALL J.D. Drew went 4-for-4 with a pair of homers and drove in three runs to help the Boston Red Sox sweep the Toronto Blue Jays in a three-game series with an 8-1 victory.

Jon Lester (10-7) threw a gem to get the win, going eight frames and giving up a run on three hits with five strikeouts compared with two walks.

Victor Martinez added a solo homer — his second in as many days.

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Serena cruises into Rogers Cup quarters

TENNIS World No. 2 Serena Williams raced into the quarter-finals of the Rogers Cup on Thursday with a 6-1, 6-4 demolition of Ukrainian Alona Bondarenko.

Williams needed only 64 minutes on a blustery centre court to dispose of the world No. 33 and restore a bit of family honour after the Ukrainian's sister Katerina had knocked out older sibling Venus in the second round.

Back on centre court just 15 hours after a second round victory over Yaroslava Shvedova, the Wimbledon and Australian Open champion charged to a 5-0 lead on her way to taking

the opening set.

The American broke Bondarenko at the start of the second, but then suffered a momentary lapse, allowing her opponent back into the contest as the Ukrainian swept the next three games.

Williams, however, was quickly back on track winning the last three games to clinch the match and set up a quarter-final meeting with Czech qualifier Lucie Safarova, who advanced with a 7-6, 6-4 win over China's Zheng Jie.

"I was trying to be per-

fect and just couldn't get my serve in and I got frustrated," said Williams explaining her second set blip. "I thought I played pretty well yesterday, I was a little disappointed in myself today after playing so well."

"I thought if I can keep up my form I'm on my way to glory and today I didn't play as well."

It was a bad day for the Bondarenko sisters, Alona joined at the exit by Katerina who fell 7-5, 6-3 to 14th seed Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland.



Serena Williams

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Inclusion of golf is nothing more than an IOC cash grab

Field of Play

Scott Russell

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I saw Alex Baumann, one of Canada's greatest Olympians, the other day in Dartmouth, N.S., at the World Sprint Canoe Championships. The legendary swimmer and I witnessed another Canadian Olympic icon, Adam van Koeverden, as he won a bronze medal in his kayak despite nursing a badly broken ankle.

"Can you believe golf's back in the Olympics?" I asked Baumann.

He shook his head in amazement and turned his attention to what was happening out on the surface of beautiful Lake Banook.

That old Sesame Street tune sung by the Cookie Monster came to mind. "One of these things is not like the other things. One of these things just doesn't belong."

He might as well have been singing about golf vis-à-vis the Olympic Games. Although it's a great game and a modern day obsession of those who can afford the time and money to play it, golf is not — repeat not — Olympic.

Sure it was, at one time, played in Olympic competition and a Canadian named George Lyon won the gold medal in St. Louis back in 1904. But remem-

ber, there was also motor boat racing at the Olympics and polo and croquet for goodness sake. Like golf, these are not Olympic pursuits, but rather pastimes of the privileged few.

Golf's anticipated re-entry to the Olympic family in time for the 2016 Games — read: Chicago — reeks of another money grab. The IOC's return to the country club mentality is an attempt to capitalize on the star power of Tiger Woods and a few others. Meanwhile, women ski jumpers can't get a sniff of

gender equality or place their sport in the Vancouver 2010 Olympics.

It's hypocritical to say the least.

When will the people who currently run the Olympics understand that the Games are the pinnacle of athletic achievement? To be Olympic champion is an exalted state. For the likes of Woods it would

merely be a feather in his Nike festooned cap. For golfers it's the Masters or the British Open that matter most — not the Olympics.

One of the founders of the modern Games, Pierre de Coubertin, once uttered the following words. "All sports for all people," he declared. "In no way can sport be considered a luxury object."

It's doubtful he was talking about golf and the Olympics in the same breath.

Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. He has covered professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.

Sports in brief

TRACK South Africa's ruling party leapt on Thursday to the defence of a world champion runner undergoing a gender verification test, saying she was the country's "golden girl" and a role model for young athletes. Caster Semenya won the women's world 800 metres title with a crushing performance in Berlin on Wednesday.

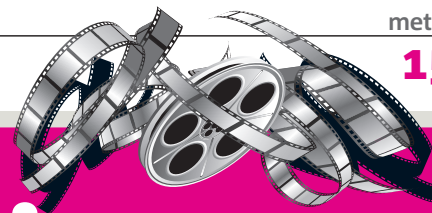
TENNIS Roger Federer survived a scare at the Cincinnati Masters on Thursday before recov-

ering to beat Spaniard David Ferrer 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 in the third round.

NFL New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees was ready to focus on football as he returned to practice for the first time since his mother's funeral. Brees, who last practiced Sunday, was back on the field as the Saints wrapped up their joint practice with the Texans on Thursday morning.

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What a Basterd

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There are parts of Quentin Tarantino's *Inglourious Basterds* — featuring Mélanie Laurent, seen here — that are brilliant, but there are just as many that fall flat. If that's Tarantino's way of playing with our expectations, maybe he's playing a bit rough.

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Little glory in Basterds

Inglourious Basterds

Director: Quentin Tarantino

Stars: Brad Pitt, Eli Roth

Classification: 14A

Rating: ●●●●

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

There are parts of *Inglourious Basterds* — Quentin Tarantino's intentionally audacious fusing of spaghetti westerns and Second World War epics — that are brilliant. But there are just as many parts surrounding them that fall flat.

Tarantino loves playing with audience expectations as to who lives and dies, and here it can get frustrating, with time and dialogue lavished on seemingly important characters who get snuffed out with

minimal fanfare.

It's interesting, then, that the most compelling person in the film, the villain Col. Landa (Christoph Waltz), is pure convention: A smiling, charming and deliciously evil Nazi. That the character pops off the screen so well is all thanks to the incredible performance Austrian-born Waltz delivers. He commands the audience's attention, and richly rewards them for it.

His first chance to shine is perhaps the film's brightest moment, an opening sequence set in a French farmhouse in which Landa interrogates a farmer who may or may not be hiding a Jewish family. As a stand-alone scene, it is perhaps Tarantino's best ever. Conversely, another standalone scene, set in a German basement tavern, literally splits



Brad Pitt's character leads a team of American Jews in a revenge mission against Nazis in *Inglourious Basterds*.

the film down the middle, killing any momentum built up and cancelling out much of the work the story had done. It's quite frustrating — and the new best example of Tarantino's chronic self-indulgence going horribly wrong.

Two main sticking points keep *Basterds* from succeeding as a whole. The first is the name. The film

is being sold on Brad Pitt's titular team of American Jews on a mission of brutal revenge against Nazis. Except they're supporting characters at best, and most of their action takes place off-screen. (Of the eight *Basterds*, half don't even have dialogue.)

The other main problem is the intertwining of plot threads — or lack thereof.

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The climax of the film brings the biggest names of the Third Reich to a movie premiere in Paris, and we've watched two differ-

ent groups of heroes plot to use the event to end the war.

Without giving too much away, the two plots don't so much converge or complicate each other as cancel each other out. It's monumentally unsatisfying. And if that's Tarantino's way of playing with our expectations, maybe he's playing a bit rough.

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Fierce Light: When Spirit Meets Action

Director: Velcrow Ripper
Stars: Daryl Hannah, Alice Walker
Classification: STC
Rating: ★★★★★

STEVE GOW
 for Metro Canada

REVIEW When Velcrow Ripper's friend and fellow activist Brad Will is tragically killed during a civil uprising in Oaxaca, Mexico, the tragic event shocks the Toronto-based filmmaker into searching for the meaning behind activism and the "quest to understand my inner self and its

place in the universe."

As such, Ripper sets out with his camera to interview everybody from author Alice Walker to Archbishop Desmond Tutu; a journey which takes him from Gandhi's Phoenix Ashram in South Africa to an endangered urban garden in L.A. where peaceful activists (including actress Daryl Hannah) squat in a tree.

You can't fault Ripper's intent; he wants to aim the spotlight on the notion of what Gandhi labeled "Soul Force" — solution-based activism focused on compassion rather than violence.

With some visually dynamic footage, Fierce Light will surely knock the Birkenstocks off the spiritually inclined set.

'It's really, really dark'

Rob Zombie ditches campy humour in Halloween 2

CHRIS ALEXANDER
 for Metro Canada



Movie feature

Like his cultural contemporary Quentin Tarantino, writer/director/rockstar Rob Zombie has fashioned a career and forged a legacy out of his undying love for classic trash cinema.

The platinum-selling shock rock guru (beloved for both his solo work and the long defunct band he fronted, White Zombie) and filmmaker had already amassed a cult following for his ultraviolent, cruel horror pictures like House of 1000 Corpses and The Devils Rejects.

But it was with his 2007 remake of John Carpenter's seminal 1978 indie slasher Halloween, that he really hit box office gold, and, in turn, was taken seriously as a major Hollywood player.

Though he swore he

wouldn't, Zombie has now revisited that controversial genre redux territory with Halloween 2 — opening next Friday. The supposedly leaner, gorier follow-up is, Zombie insists, a radical departure from his semi-faithful original.

"The difference between this film and the first is the difference between House of 1000 Corpses and The Devils Rejects," says the director.

"I didn't care what people's expectations were and I didn't care about the Halloween that had come before. I had complete creative control to do whatever I wanted."

Halloween 2 continues the sick saga of psychologically damaged Laurie Strode (Scout Taylor-Compton), who is still trying to evade the homicidal rampage of her deranged masked serial killer broth-



Tyler Mane stars as serial killer Michael Myers in Halloween 2.

er Michael Myers (Tyler Mane).

Outside of his two leads, the director has also reassembled many of his other surviving cast members, including the legendary Malcom McDowell who reprises his turn as the wild eyed Dr. Loomis. "I think that directors

like to work with the same actors all the time, because the performances they give are that much more dynamic," Zombie says.

"In the first film, working with ... Malcom and Scout, we had just met and it was all professional. This time however, we broke through that wall and the results of that relationship are on the screen."

And even though past Zombie efforts — much like the campy, hill-billy horror persona he's long employed — have had their tongues firmly wedged in their bloody cheeks, the filmmaker claims that Halloween 2 will be a decidedly grim, oppressive experience.

"There is absolutely no humour in this movie. It's really, really dark."

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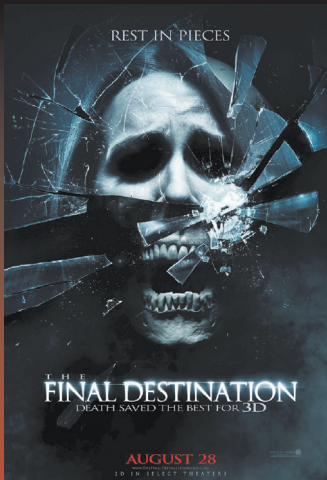
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Zemeckis aboard Yellow Submarine

Disney has tapped director Robert Zemeckis to remake the Beatles' 1968 animated feature *Yellow Submarine*. Zemeckis will utilize the same 3-D performance-capture techniques that he employed in *The Polar Express* and *Beowulf*. **EW.COM**

movies&entertainment **19****Movies****Grad fails across board****Post Grad****Director:** Vicky Jensen**Stars:** Alexis Bledel, Michael Keaton**Classification:** PG**Rating:** ●●●**NED EHRBAR**
Metro World News

REVIEW It's tough pinpointing the most obnoxious part of *Post Grad*, a tale of 20-something misplaced priorities that has become more relevant than it deserves to be thanks to the recession. But the most offensive part, by far, is the wasted talent cast as the family of Alexis Bledel's titular college graduate.

The filmmakers somehow managed to hook Michael Keaton, Jane Lynch and Carol Burnett, all comedic forces in their own right, to play the "quirky" father, mother and grandmother of Ryden Malby (Bledel). And honestly, they all deserve much, much better.

As for Ryden herself, she tells us everything we need

to know about her in a quickie video blog over the opening credits. She's had a plan since grade school, and everything is going according to that plan. Now that college is over, her next step is to land a job at "the top publishing company in Los Angeles."

While her career drama unfolds, we as the audience are supposed to agonize over Ryden not seeing the wonderful guy right in front of her, lovelorn BFF Adam (Zach Gilford).

All of this might be worth overlooking if the story followed any sort of logic. But no, instead we watch Ryden get beat out for her dream job, complain about her family, and mope. Then, through no effort of her own, she suddenly gets her dream job after all. Not that it matters, since after a brief "excelling at work" montage, she gives it all up just as suddenly to follow her heart.

• For *Post Grad* photos, a trailer and screen times — or to buy tickets — visit metronews.ca/movies.

Kids' wishes come true**Shorts****Director:** Robert Rodriguez**Stars:** Jimmy Bennett, Jon Cryer**Classification:** STC**Rating:** ●●●●**STEVE GOW**
for Metro Canada

There's no debate about filmmaker Robert Rodriguez's extreme diversity. Whether its violent thrillers like *Sin City* or hyperkinetic juvenile triumphs like *Spy Kids*, the man has proven skills with imagination to boot.

And I'm not even talking about the fact that he writes, edits, scores and just about does everything short of making the crew's sandwiches on his movies.

Now, with *Shorts*, he's returned to testing the kiddy market with a chronologically-challenged fable about a rainbow-coloured rock that allows those in its posses-



Filmmaker Robert Rodriguez returns to *Spy Kids* territory with *Shorts*, starring Jimmy Bennett and James Spader.

But when the rock falls into other hands, suddenly the neighbourhood kids must save the world from a corporate megalomaniac (James Spader), bipedal crocodiles and a carelessly flung snotball that morphs into a huge, hideous monster. In short, the lesson is "be careful what you wish for."

While Rodriguez's message is simple (it's for kids after all), the film's structure is far from it.

With the visual splash of a *Tiny Toons* cartoon, the moral tone of a Dr. Seuss fable and its unadulterated aim at creating cinematic chaos as amusement, Rodriguez's latest adventure won't short-change the kids on fun.

However, their adult companions may find that *Shorts'* frantic, over-the-top pace may just short-circuit your synapses.

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sion anything they wish for.

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Shorts (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:10-2:30-4:40-6:50-9

The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:7-9:50 Wed 4:7-9:50 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1

The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri-Thu 12:40-2:50-5:10-7:50-10:10

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Fierce Light: When Spirit Meets Action (PG) Fri 7:10-9:10 Sat-Sun 2:30-7:10-9:10 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:10

Ponyo (G) Fri 7-9 Sat-Sun 2-7-9 Mon-Thu 7-9

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Bandslam (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:50-7 Wed 12:40-3:50 Thu 12:40-3:50-7

District 9 (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:47-20:10-20

Funny People (14A) Fri-Thu 9:45

G-Force in Disney Digital 3D (G) Fri-Thu 11:50-2:10-4:30-6:50-9:20

G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (14A) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-7:10

The Goods: Live Hard. Sell Hard. (18A) Fri-Thu 11:45-3:15-6:45-10:45

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince: The IMAX Experience (PG) Fri-Thu 11:45-3:15-6:45-10:15

Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (G) Fri-Thu 12:25

Ingolourous Basterds (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:45-3:05-6:30-10:15

Julie & Julia (PG) Fri-Thu 12:10-3:40-6:40-9:40

A Perfect Getaway (14A) Fri-Sat 2:50-7:50-10:40 Sun 2:50-10:40 Mon-Thu 2:50-7:50-10:40

Post Grad (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:20-4:40-7:40-10:10

Shorts (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:20-3:50-7:20-9:30

The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri-Thu

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The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:45-7:30-10:30

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(500) Days of Summer (PG) Fri-Sat 1:15-3:45-6:55-9:30 Sun 1:45-10:20 Mon-Thu 1:15-3:45-6:55-9:30

Bandslam (PG) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:40

District 9 (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:30-4:20-7:25-10:25

G-Force in Disney Digital 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12:20-2:40-5:15-8:40

G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (14A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:10-7:30-10:35

The Goods: Live Hard. Sell Hard. (18A) Fri-Thu 12:25-2:50-5:20-7:55-10:30

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:15-6:45-10:10

Hedley - Live in Concert (STC) Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1

Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12:10-2:45-5:10-7:35-10

Ingolourous Basterds (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:50-3:10-6:30-9:40-10:15

Julie & Julia (PG) Fri 12:25-4:20-7:20-10:10 Sat 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:10 Sun 1:25-4:15-7:20-10:10 Mon-Wed 1:25-4:20-7:20-10:10 Thu 4:20-7:20-10:10

Metropolitan Opera: La Fille du Régiment (STC) Sat 11

Ponyo (G) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:55-6:50-9:20

Post Grad (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:35-3:55-7:40-10:20

Shorts (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:55-2:20-4:50-7:20-9:35

The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri-Sat 1:10-4:7-9:50 Sun 1:10-4:7-9:50 Mon-Thu 1:10-4:7-9:50

The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri 12:30-3:05-5:25-7:50-10:25 Sat 2:25-4:55-7:50-10:25 Sun-Thu 12:30-3:05-5:25-7:50-10:25

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3-6 Mon 11:3 Tue 11:3-6 Wed 11:3 Thu 11:3-6

Grand Canyon Adventure: River at Risk (STC) Fri-Thu 2-5

Van Gogh: Brush With Genius (STC) Fri-Sat 12:4-6 Sun 12:4 Mon 12:4-6 Tue 12:4 Wed 12:4-6 Thu 12:4

Wild Ocean (STC) Fri-Thu 1-7

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District 9 (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Fri 6:50-9:50 Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Sat-Sun 12:10-3:10-6:50-9:50 Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 5:30-8:20

G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (14A) DTS Digital Fri 6:40-9:30 DTS Digital Sat-Sun 12:25-5:6-40-9:30 DTS Digital Mon-Thu 5:10-8

Ingolourous Basterds (18A) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Fri-Sat 3:30-6:30-10 Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Mon-Thu 5:8-30

The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) DTS Digital Fri 7:40-9:40 DTS Digital Sat-Sun 12:20-3:20-7:40-9:40 DTS Digital Mon-Thu 5:20-8:10

GRANDIN THEATRES

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Bandslam (PG) Fri-Thu 4:25

G-Force (G) Fri-Thu 12:55-2:40-6:35

G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (14A) Fri-Thu 12:30-2:45-5:55-7:10-9:25

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) Fri-Thu 8:15

The Ingolourous Basterds (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:50-3:35-6:25-9:30

Shorts (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:45-2:30-4:15-5:55-7:35

The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-3:25-5:20-7:20-9:30

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District 9 (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-7:20-10:15

G-Force (G) Fri-Thu 12:45

G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:20-7:30-10:30

The Goods: Live Hard. Sell Hard. (18A)

Fri-Thu 1:30-4:40-7:40-10:20

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) Fri-Thu 3:15-6:30-9:45

Ingolourous Basterds (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 2:6-30-10

Julie & Julia (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-4:7-9:50

Post Grad (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:15-2:30-4:50-7:15-9:30

Shorts (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:215-4:30-6:50-9

The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri-Thu 12:20-4:10-7:10-9:55

The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri-Thu 3:45-6:40-9:20

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District 9 (14A) Fri 6:45-9 Sat-Sun 12:45-3:6:45-9 Mon 6:45-9 Tue 12:45-3:6:45-9 Wed 6:45-9 Thu 12:45-3:6:45-9

G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (14A) Fri 6:50-9:15 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:15-6:50-9:15 Mon 6:50-9:15 Tue 12:50-3:15-6:50-9:15 Wed 6:50-9:15 Thu 12:50-3:15-6:50-9:15

The Goods: Live Hard. Sell Hard. (18A) Fri 9:10 Sat-Sun 3:10-9:10 Mon 9:10 Tue 1:30-9:10 Wed 9:10 Thu 3:10-9:10

Ingolourous Basterds (18A) Fri 7:30 Sat-Sun 1:30-7:30 Mon 7:30 Tue 1:30-7:30 Wed 7:30 Thu 1:30-7:30

Julie & Julia (PG) Fri 7:05-9:25 Sat-Sun 1:05-3:25-7:05-9:25 Mon 7:05-9:25 Tue 1:05-3:25-7:05-9:25 Wed 7:05-9:25 Thu 1:05-3:25-7:05-9:25

Shorts (G) Fri 7:05 Sat-Sun 1:05-7:05 Mon 7:05 Tue 1:05-7:05 Wed 7:05 Thu 1:05-7:05

The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri 6:55-9:20 Sat-Sun 12:55-3:20-6:55-9:20 Mon 6:55-9:20 Tue 12:55-3:20-6:55-9:20 Wed 6:55-9:20 Thu 12:55-3:20-6:55-9:20

The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri 7:10 Sat-Sun 1:10-7:10 Mon 7:10 Tue 1:10-7:10 Wed 7:10 Thu 1:10-7:10

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Aliens in the Attic (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-20

District 9 (14A) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:20-6:55-9:35

G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (14A) Fri-Thu 6:50-9:30

Ingolourous Basterds (18A) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:45

The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-3:25-7:05-9:25

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NYC collective jam out funky, psychedelic space-rock laced with disco beats.



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TOP 10

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1. I Gotta Feeling Black Eyed Peas
2. I Know You Want Me Pitbull
3. Fire Burning Sean Kingston
4. Boom Boom Pow Black Eyed Peas
5. Birthday Sex Jeremih
6. Day N Nite Kid Cudi
7. One Time Justin Bieber
8. Knock You Down Keri Hilson
9. Paparazzi Lady Gaga
10. I'm On a Boat Lonely Island

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Shiloh gets the Picture

Saskatchewan teen finally releases her debut album

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Celine Dion, Frank Sinatra and Michael Jackson. What do these artists have in common? Well, if you were to ask the red and black haired spitfire from Regina, Sask., known simply as Shiloh, she'd tell you they're her biggest influences. That and "a lot of '80s music," thanks to her dad.

Her feisty, radio-friendly tunes like Operator (A Girl Like Me) and Goodbye, You Suck suggest this 16-year-old was raised on a steady diet of crunchy pop punk, but get her talking about Celine Dion and Shiloh is in awe.

"She's worked really hard to get to where she is today," she says. "(Celine's) extremely focused and stays in shape, and she's got an amazing voice, determination, motivation, and the drive to be the best she can be."

While Shiloh's just released her debut album, Picture Imperfect, the way she describes Canada's most successful export it's as if she's planning a similar path for her burgeon-

"Nobody can take who you are away from you, no matter how you dress or who you are." Shiloh

ing career.

After winning a radio contest in Edmonton, Shiloh signed a worldwide deal with Universal Republic and has spent the last two and a half years making the album. She calls it the "best feeling in the world" to finally have Picture Imperfect available to her growing legion of fans, so she can continue spreading a message that she feels is important to hear.

"The message is just being yourself and never letting that go because that's one thing that you can always keep," she says. "Nobody can take who you are away from you, no matter how you dress or who you are."

Though most of the album focuses on the importance of being yourself, Shiloh's favourite song is actually the kiss off anthem Goodbye, You Suck, which she wrote about an unsu-



Picture Imperfect is the debut album from Shiloh.

pecting ex-boyfriend of hers. "It was to a guy I was with who was a complete and total jerk, so I wrote a song about it because I just hated him at the time," she says laughing. "I've talked to him in the last while and it's totally fine. It's a little bit awkward though because he asked me one day if the song was about him

and I just said no."

The song will definitely be a crowd favourite on her 17-date headlining Canadian tour throughout August and September. "The tour is gonna be so exciting," she exclaims. "I'm looking forward to getting out there with the band to see all of my fans. They're gonna be energy

packed shows. I like to call it an ADHD show because I like to run around and be crazy. It's gonna be absolutely amazing."

Shiloh live

- Shiloh plays the Avenue Theatre on Sept. 19

Survive the dog days of summer by looking ahead

SoundCheck

Alan Cross

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The last two weeks of August are a rather desperate time. Those who have already exhausted their summer vacations are grumpy over the prospect of no time off until Christmas. They can't get any work done because the people they need couldn't get away until now. At home, frazzled parents deal with bored kids who know that they're mere days away from the start of school.

No wonder vacation Bible schools are all scheduled for this time of year.

Meanwhile, signs for fall fairs point to the inevitable slide toward a dark and cold winter.

That's the thing about us Canadians — no matter how nice it is outside, we're secure in the knowledge that it's only going to get worse.

If you're still with me after that cheerful preamble, here are a couple of musical things that may distract you from the fact that in two weeks, it'll be Labour Day.

New Radiohead: Something weird is going on with Thom and Co. First, for one pound sterling, you can download a song called Harry Patch (In Memory Of), dedicated to the passing of the last British First World War vet.

Then, quite unexpectedly, a second song called These Are My Twisted Words was leaked online

by the band themselves along with some primitive ASCII artwork which may (or may not) point towards the release of a new EP called Wall of Ice. We'll see.

Solo Jack White: In the year's best music documentary, It Might Get Loud (wherein Jack, U2's The Edge and Jimmy Page of Led Zeppelin swap guitar stories), Jack was challenged to write and record a song before the cameras.

It took all of ten minutes. Now people worldwide are buying Fly Farm Blues at 99 cents a pop on iTunes.

The iPad (or whatever they're going to call it): According to those who monitor activity at Chinese and Taiwanese electronics manufacturing plants, Apple's mythical tablet device — a combo music, movie, email de-



U2 touches down in Chicago on Sept. 12 to kick off the North American leg of their world tour.

vice, web browser and ebook reader — could be in production. Could its unveiling mark Steve Jobs' public return to work? Or will the Sept. 9 announcement focus on refreshing

the iPod line?

U2 finally comes to North America: For the first time since 1984, they started a world tour in Europe. Reviews have been rapturous and The Claw

stage has people gobs-macked. Things start in Chicago on Sept. 12.

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Whitney Houston is coming to Oprah Winfrey's famous couch. Winfrey, 55, will welcome Houston as her first guest on the The Oprah Winfrey Show's 24th season, which airs Sept. 14. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Television

Jane Lynch top of her game in Glee

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Metro World News

Jane Lynch has had a busy month at the movies, stealing scenes alongside Carol Burnett in *Post Grad* and Meryl Streep in *Julie & Julia*.

But August is nothing compared to the exposure Lynch is set to receive come September, when the much-anticipated Fox

series *Glee* starts up in earnest.

The first episode — which opens with Lynch's domineering, over-competitive cheerleading coach chastising her team with, "You think this is hard? Try being waterboarded." — got a boost to its profile thanks to a sneak preview after the American Idol season finale and some major support from TV critics and fans at last

month's Comic Con.

And Lynch has been a major part of the marketing for the ensemble show.

"I feel like I'm doing a lot of press," she says. But she's not complaining. "I'm not one of those people who's like, 'Deep down inside I'm really shy.'"

Glee premieres Wednesday, Sept. 9 on Global

Though best known for

standout roles in films like *The 40-Year-Old Virgin* and last year's *Role Models*, Lynch

started 2009 firmly committed

to moving to the small screen.

"My New Year's resolution was I want to hang my



Jane Lynch stars in *Glee*.

hat somewhere," she says. And that led her to taking part in two pilots, *Glee* and a Damon Wayans comedy for ABC that didn't see the light of day.

"I didn't know if it would be *Glee* or the Damon Wayans thing or anything," she says. But when the little show about a bunch of high school outcasts breaking into song got picked up, Lynch says she was thrilled.

"I think (*Glee*) is just head and shoulders above anything that's on TV. I don't want to sound like I'm bragging, but it's really good."

The reason it's so good, she insists, has little to do

with her (though many would argue that point). Lynch gives all the credit to her younger co-stars. "The kids are amazing," she gushes.

"These are talented people. They work so hard. I just sashay in and I sashay out. But they're recording and rehearsing and dancing and then shooting and getting up at five in the morning and working until 10 at night."

But it's more than worth it, she says. And if audiences like the pilot, they're going to love what comes next. "The first episode I think is amazing," she says, "but it just gets better and better."

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	6 KREM	- 372	News	Scrubs	Cold Case	Betraying Reason (2003, Drama)	John Pyper-Ferguson.	The City Show	The City Show	The City Show		
	7 CKEM	241 347	Murdoch Mysteries	Murdoch Mysteries	Murdoch Mysteries	Murdoch Mysteries	Murdoch Mysteries	Murdoch Mysteries	Murdoch Mysteries	Murdoch Mysteries		
	8 CITY	240 339	Healthy Ever After	Doc	Doc	Doc	Doc	Doc	Doc	Doc		
	13 KKLY	- 371	News	The Insider (N)	Entertainment Tonight	According Jim	War of the Worlds *** (2005, Science Fiction)	Tom Cruise.	Tom Cruise.	Tom Cruise.		
	16 KAYU	- 373	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Seahawks Pre.	NFL Preseason	Football Denver Broncos at Seattle Seahawks	From Qwest Field in Seattle.	From Qwest Field in Seattle.	From Qwest Field in Seattle.		
	19 CHTV	-	Out There	E News	Rich Poor	Rich Poor	Rich Poor	Rich Poor	Rich Poor	Rich Poor		
	22 KSPS	- 374	The Lawrence Welk Show	Jack Benny	Time Goes By	The Civil War "Valley of the Shadow of Death: 1864"	The Civil War "Valley of the Shadow of Death: 1864"	The Civil War "Valley of the Shadow of Death: 1864"	The Civil War "Valley of the Shadow of Death: 1864"	The Civil War "Valley of the Shadow of Death: 1864"		
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	14 YTV	552 543	Kid vs. Kat	League-Evil	Frank Patrol	Frank Patrol	Frank Patrol	Frank Patrol	Frank Patrol	Frank Patrol		
	17 TREE	553 546	Bucket-Dinos	Toopy & Binoo	Comfy Couch	Little Bear	Survive This	Adrenaline Proj	In Real Life	Backyardigans		
	45 FAM	557 541	(7:01) Jonas	Latest Buzz	Suite Life	Zoe 101	Zack & Cody	Han, Montana	With Honors *** (1994, Drama)	CS: Miami		
	25 A&E	615 520	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami		
	29 FOOD	603 561	The Next Food Network Star	Destroyed	Guinea Pig	Criss Angel	Criss Angel	Criss Angel	Criss Angel	Criss Angel		
	32 DISC	520 505	Dirty Jobs "Maggot Farmer"	Destroyed	Guinea Pig	Criss Angel	Criss Angel	Criss Angel	Criss Angel	Criss Angel		
	38 SPIKE	628 584	UFC Fight for the Troops (HDTV)	UFC 75: Champion vs. Champion	UFC 75: Champion vs. Champion	UFC 75: Champion vs. Champion	UFC 75: Champion vs. Champion	UFC 75: Champion vs. Champion	UFC 75: Champion vs. Champion	UFC 75: Champion vs. Champion		
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	50 STAR	621 56	Blush: Make-Up Artist	Canudo's Next Top Model	Paris Hilton's My New BFF	TMZ	TMZ	TMZ	TMZ	TMZ		
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	4 CBXT	- 307	Heartland (HDTV) (DVS)	Mission: Impossible III *** (2006, Action)	60 Minutes (HDTV)	(9:01) Big Brother 11	There Goes the Neighborhood	Cold Case				
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	16 KAYU	- 373	America's Most Wanted	"Til Death	American Dad	Deal or No Deal (N)	Deal or No Deal (N)	Deal or No Deal (N)	Deal or No Deal (N)	Deal or No Deal (N)		
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	29 FOOD	603 561	Iron Chef America	Dinner: Impossible	MythBusters "Seesaw Saga"	Anthony Bourdain	Restaurant Makeover	Get on Plate	Food Detective	Iron Chef Am.		
	32 DISC	520 505	Nature's Most Amazing Events	MythBusters "Seesaw Saga"	Anthony Bourdain	Restaurant Makeover	Get on Plate	Food Detective	Iron Chef Am.	Nature's Most		
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	43 SPACE	627 528	Swordfish *** (2001, Suspense)	John Travolta.	Papazzazzi Papazzazzi	Jake Gyllenhaal.	Papazzazzi Papazzazzi	Jake Gyllenhaal.	Papazzazzi Papazzazzi	Jake Gyllenhaal.		
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Danza's reality show

Actor Tony Danza is heading to Philadelphia to shoot A&E's new reality show *Teach* at Northeast High School. The city's School Reform Commission voted 3-1 Wednesday to approve the filming of 13 episodes of the show. **PEOPLE.COM**

Going Out

Mix of Six

Edmonton Fringe Festival

When: Ends Sunday
Where: Various venues

With theatrics ranging from the highbrow to the raunchy, the Edmonton Fringe Festival should have something for spectators of all ages and interests. Catch the fest before it wraps for another year. Visit fringetheatreventures.ca.

Edmonton's Labatt Blues Festival

When: Friday to Sunday
Where: Hawrelak Park

Western Canada's premier blues event is held every August in Edmonton's scenic River Valley in Hawrelak Park at The Heritage Amphitheatre. Tickets are still available for Friday and Sunday. Throughout the weekend, you can check out acts like Sista Monica Parker, Magic Slim and the Teardrops, the John Hammond Quartet and many more. Visit bluesinternationaltd.com.

The Astounding Race

When: Saturday
Where: Various locations

The Astounding Race is designed around the Amazing Race TV show, and is a one-day event around the city of Edmonton. Sign up in pairs and race around the city doing exciting and fun challenges. Once you complete a challenge, you get your clue to the next task. Race against your competitors to try and claim the top

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The Painter as Printmaker

When: Ends Sunday
Where: Royal Gallery of Alberta

Impressionist prints from the National Gallery of Canada are on display, including Paul Cézanne, Edgar Degas, Édouard, Vincent van Gogh and more. The exhibition wraps up this Sunday.

Mainly Masks

When: All weekend
Where: Royal Alberta Museum

Mainly Masks was developed in partnership with artists Simon Aitchison, Graham Fox and Ron Robinson. These artists present their collaborative works to commemorate 2007 as the Year of the Craft for the Alberta Foundation for the Arts Travelling Exhibition Program.

Calendar party

When: Friday, 8 p.m.
Where: Starlite Room

Like your pin-up girls with a bit of ink? Check out the Flatbed and Alberta Bound Tattoo presents Edmonton's first Pin-Up Calendar Girl Party 2009. For more info on Starlite Room events, visit starlitteroom.ca.

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 Inglourious Basterds

FILM There are plenty of good summer movies in theatres right now. But are you going to sit out the opportunity to watch Brad Pitt and his gang of Basterds hunt for "Nazi scalps" in a Quentin Tarantino Second World War fantasy? Really? We didn't think so.



2 Top Chef Las Vegas

TV It's season 6 of Bravo's reality cookoff, and 17 new "chefeftants" are trying their culinary skills (and luck) in Sin City. Plenty of kitchen drama, some mouth-watering food and gorgeous host Padma Lakshmi make this show a cut above the rest.

3 Rudo y Cursi

DVD Gael García Bernal and Diego Luna — two of the hottest global stars — team up with Y Tu Mama Tambien writer Carlos Cuarón for this tragicomic romp through the world of fame and soccer. It may not reach the heights of *Tambien* (already a foreign cinema classic), but the improvisational thespianism of Bernal and Luna is as good as movies get.



4 Imperial Blaze: Sean Paul

ALBUM It's never too late for a summer block party and Sean Paul's fourth album can even get your mom dancing on the streets. The reggae-dancehall star serves up plenty of juice here — So Fine and Press It Up are standouts but any of the 20 tracks will do the trick. Just push play and get burnin'.

5 The Girl Who Played With Fire: Stieg Larsson

BOOK Investigative journalist Mikael Blomkvist and cyberpunk anti-heroine Lisbeth Salander are back in this sequel to *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*, the novel that put the late Swedish author on top of the contemporary thriller pile. The new instalment is already burning up charts around the world (including Canada) and rumour has it that George Clooney, Johnny Depp and Brad Pitt are all interested in playing Blomkvist on film.

6 Batman: Arkham Asylum

GAME Finally a Batman title that's supposed to do for gaming what *The Dark Knight* did for Batman films — take the franchise to a new level of artistic sophistication. Here, the caped crusader takes on a whole bunch of psychotic supervillains, including *The Joker* and *The Riddler*.

7 United Breaks Guitars: Song 2

VIDEO The Dave Carroll recipe for success: Write a song about how United Airlines broke your guitar. Post the video. Repeat, if desired, for best results. The Halifax musician has returned with another instalment of his viral video — this time with bigger and better production. The original clip has been viewed almost five million times on YouTube.

Oprah, Dr Oz sue over alleged false endorsements

LAW SUIT Talk show host Oprah Winfrey and television expert Dr. Mehmet Oz, a frequent guest on Winfrey's show, sued more than 50 businesses Wednesday, saying they had falsely claimed the pair endorsed various beauty products and dietary supplements.

Winfrey's companies Harpo Inc. and OW Licensing Co. and Oz and his company Zo Co. sued the little-known firms located throughout America in a federal lawsuit in New York seeking to stop the "unauthorized and unlawful use" of their names, pictures, voices and trademarks.

"These defendants are willfully capitalizing on plaintiffs' valuable reputation and intellectual property rights



Oprah Winfrey

to lure consumers into ordering their infringing products on the false premise that they have been tested or recommended by Ms. Winfrey and/or Dr. Oz when they have not," the lawsuit said.

The suit the actions had "gravely injured" their reputations. **REUTERS**

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Entertainment in brief

TV Before Michael Jackson died, his brothers filmed a one-hour pilot for A&E that was supposed to include a reunion performance with Michael. But he never agreed to it, didn't do it, and died before it could be discussed again. But sources say that A&E will go forward with a series of further

episodes that will chronicle the Jackson brothers' lives and show them grappling with Michael's death. An A&E spokesman declined comment; sources close to the network said the deal for a series isn't done yet. The original A&E deal was for a pilot with provisions for a series. **REUTERS**

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Jon & Kate Plus 8 is shedding viewers at a record pace. The TLC reality show only drew three million viewers Monday night — down half a million from last Monday's show. USMAGAZINE.COM

Entertainment

New Dawn for punk-popstar Avril

JANINE FALCON
for Metro Canada

Jamie Katzman, owner and president of the Boathouse chain of clothing stores, is pretty chuffed.

He's got the Canadian exclusive on Abbey Dawn, a colourful line of punk-inspired casualwear from multi-platinum award-winning singer/songwriter Avril Lavigne.

"It just sort of happened," he told Metro when the line debuted in his downtown-Toronto store earlier this week. "We were introduced through a friend of a friend. I was familiar with Avril's line, and heard that she knew and had shopped at Boathouse... and a few months later, I'm standing with her in the store at the launch."

"I'm excited to have my clothes at Boathouse — it's a good match," said Lavigne, who was on hand to introduce Abbey Dawn (her childhood nickname) and meet with 50 fans who had won tickets to the launch via a Boathouse contest. She describes her line as "rock 'n' roll, playful and fun," a mix-and-match collection of her personal style. "You can throw on the skinny jeans with heels, a Chanel bag, mix it with Betsey Johnson — it's fun, fashion is fun,"



Abbey Dawn is the fashion line from multi-platinum award-winning singer/songwriter Avril Lavigne.

she said.

Youthful and bold in the singer's favourite colours — black, white, red, hot pink and purple — the clothes are exactly what one might expect of Lavigne: An exuberant mix of prep-school-gone-punk graphic tees, cropped vests, short plaid kilts, skinny jeans, edgy-cute accessories, and hoodies, lots of hoodies. "I pretty much

wear hoodies every day," she said. In fact, her day's ensemble of choice was her own Abbey Dawn "I Always Get What I Want" hoody and black leggings. "I don't want to jinx it!" she exclaimed when asked whether she does actually always get what she wants.

"I like that she wears her own label," said Alyssa Chin, 20, who was at the event with her sister,

Kamille, 23, a contest winner. "A lot of celebrities design clothing but don't wear their stuff. It's good Avril does."

Although Abbey Dawn has until now been available only south of the border, Lavigne was not the only launch attendee wearing her clothes. Aren Adamian, 16, "a fan since day one," was kitted out in a black-and-white Abbey Dawn hoody and plaid shorts he'd picked up at the U.S. retailer Kohl's. (According to Lavigne, many of her guy friends are already pestering her to start designing for them. She's thinking about it, and points to certain pieces, like the hoodies, as already appropriate for unisex wear.)

At the moment, Lavigne says she's working on dresses and other items she'll roll out later in the year. "There'll be new offerings every six to eight weeks," confirmed Katzman.

Abbey Dawn ranges in price from \$14.99 for accessories to \$59.99 for a soft hooded blazer, and is currently available at 15 of Katzman's 37 Boathouse locations (boathouses-toronto.com). It'll be in the rest of the stores in November — and psst! the dresses are slated for the holiday collection, which should launch around then, too.

The Abbey Dawn collection

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METRO NEWS SERVICES

True Blood enjoys small-screen success led by Twilight

Vampires are more in than ever: After the roaring success of the Twilight series, True Blood is having the same effect, only on the small screen.

The HBO series is based on The Southern Vampire Mysteries books, written by Charlaine Harris. She has already penned nine volumes on the series, which looks at the experiences and dark love of Sookie Stackhouse — played by Anna Paquin in the TV series.

Metro World News recently sat down with Harris to talk about the growing interests in TV and film vampires.

Q You started the Sookie Stackhouse books back in 2001 before the big vampire craze. Why were you interested in vampires, and

why have you dedicated a whole series to them?

A The series is actually about the young human woman who is dating a vampire. I thought that would be a more interesting approach. It seemed to be that it would be interesting to write about characters who are so different from humans, who have seen so much history.

Q Why do you think the topic of vampires became so popular so sudden?

A I am sure the Twilight series had something to do with it, but actually this has been building for the past 10 years or so.

Q You write other series also featur-

ing girls with superpowers. What interests you in these characters?

A I don't really think of them as having superpowers; they have more like a disability. Sookie is telepathic, and that is a great burden. Harper had to be struck by lightning before she became able to find corpses. Though she makes her living doing that, it's not a pleasant way of life.

Q What makes a good book for you? What do you like to read in your free time?

A I love to be engrossed in the story the writer is telling. I love to read, and I read many, many writers. I read some mystery, I read some science fiction, I read a little

romance and a little non-fiction.

Q How would your ideal vampire look like? What attracts people in vampires?

A I don't have an ideal vampire. I think people are fascinated by the eternal vigour of vampires, who don't age.

Q How much do you read weekly? Where is your ideal reading spot?

A I read three or four books a week. I can read anywhere, but I have a comfortable chair in our bedroom and one in our family room; both of these are good for reading.

• True Blood airs on HBO Canada.

METRO WORLD NEWS



Anna Paquin stars as Sookie Stackhouse in HBO's True Blood.

Hawkes gets Lost

John Hawkes has been cast in the final season of ABC's *Lost*, according to The Hollywood Reporter. Hawkes will reportedly play a character named Lennon, who is "the spokesperson/translator for the president of a foreign corporation." EW.COM

Entertainment

Working overtime in prime-time

After 17 years of late night TV chat, Jay Leno says he's working harder than ever to fill his eagerly-anticipated new prime-time show with comedy.

"It's a lot of material to fill ... You're doing probably three shows worth of comedy every night," Leno told reporters on Wednesday. "On The Tonight Show we had maybe two talking guests and a band. That's not a lot of work for me. But this will be a lot more work," he said.

Leno, 59, said The Jay Leno Show was heavier on comedy than talk and that he planned to open each night with an 8-12 minute comic monologue, which takes about 5-6 hours to prepare every day. And with just one celebrity guest each night, he has hired a team of upcoming young comedians as "correspondents" to give an oddball take on the news of the day and issues.

The most exciting new venture for Leno, an avid collector of vintage cars, is the installment of a race car track outside his TV studio in suburban Los Angeles. Celebrities will be invited to power round the track against the clock in an electric car challenge.

Scrubs fills out regular cast

ROLES Michael Mosley and up-and-comer Kerry Bishe have landed the remaining two new starring roles on ABC's *Scrubs*. They join Dave Franco as the three new regulars on the veteran comedy, which is shifting its setting to a medical school next season. REUTERS

Leno's move from 11:30 p.m. to the prime-time 10 p.m. slot traditionally occupied by expensive scripted drama on leading U.S. networks is being closely

watched by the industry as NBC struggles to retain audiences and cut costs in the face of declining advertising revenue.

"We can do five shows

for less than the price of one *CSI* or *Law & Order* episode," he said.

But Leno again shrugged off suggestions that the future of NBC, currently lag-

ging in last place in terms of viewership among the four major TV networks, hinged on the success or failure of his new venture.

"We're not here to revo-

lutionize anything or change the world. It is just a comedy show," he said. "We'll try this and see what happens. I just work here." REUTERS

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Katy's bosom buddy?
Katy Perry's womanly charms have helped raise \$3,000 US for a cancer charity — a generous fan has snapped up a plaster cast of the singer's breasts at an auction, femalefirst.co.uk reports. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Celebrity Buzz

Sting sex rumour a fake: Daughter

TOO MUCH INFORMATION Sting's daughter Coco Summer wants everyone to know that the legends about her dad's bedroom prowess — rumoured eight-hour bedroom sessions thanks to tantric sex — are completely false. "Bob Geldof made up this thing and it stuck," she told Love magazine.

"It's embarrassing when people bring it up ... They love each other. So what?"

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Céline's second test-tube baby

PREGNANCY Céline Dion, now expecting her second child, is "very excited," said her doctor, Dr. Zev Rosenwaks, who performed the in vitro fertilization procedure that made the 41-year-old singer's pregnancy possible, people.com reports.

When he called her earlier this week to say the pregnancy test was positive, "You could hear her chuckling," he said. "She was very happy. So was (husband René Angélil). They are both very thankful."

The fertility expert implanted an embryo that had been kept frozen in liquid nitrogen for the

past eight years. "She is very, very early in her pregnancy," said her doc.

Dion had her embryos frozen when she went through IVF while trying to conceive her first child, René-Charles, who was born in 2001. When she completed her performance run in Las Vegas in 2007, "she came back to have the em-

bryos transferred back because she wanted to have another baby," he said.

According to Rosenwaks, freezing an embryo for eight years is not necessarily a problem.

"There have been embryos that have been (frozen) for more than 10 years, and even more than 15 years, that have successfully thawed and resulted in a pregnancy," he said.

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Robert denies single quotes

WAIT A MINUTE Robert Pattinson has fired back at tabloid reports he's single and looking for love, insisting he never spoke to the newspaper that quoted him, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

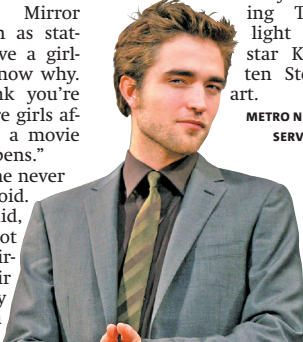
Britain's The Mirror quoted Pattinson as stating, "I don't have a girlfriend. I don't know why. You always think you're going to get more girls after you've made a movie and it never happens."

But he insists he never spoke to the tabloid. His publicist said, "Robert did not speak to the Mirror, and their claim that they spoke to him a

few days ago is manufactured along with any information that they claim to have as an exclusive directly from him."

The actor has constantly denied reports he is secretly dating Twi- light co- star Kris- ten Stew- art.

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Amy back to wild ways?

UH OH Amy Winehouse reportedly went on a 48-hour bender in London.

Photographers spotted her sporting a burned finger and runny nose with flecks of white powder around her nose and mouth, according to the Sun.

The troubled singer showed up at a Primrose Hill pub with some pals — including Liza Minelli's ex-husband David Gest.

"Amy couldn't even stand when she came in. It was only 8:45 p.m.," a source told the newspaper. "Every- one at the bar was moaning about them



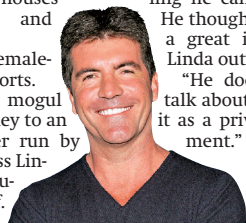
being there."

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Simon's soft spot for dogs

ANIMAL LOVER Simon Cowell secretly donates more than \$150,000 US a year to a shelter that houses "neglected" and abandoned "poches," femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The music mogul gives the money to an animal shelter run by Exorcist actress Linda Blair in Toluca Lake, Calif.



A source said, "Simon is a huge dog lover but because he's always traveling he can't have one. He thought it would be a great idea to help Linda out."

"He doesn't like to talk about it as he sees it as a private arrangement."

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Ricky a hands-on dad to twins

PARENTHOOD As Ricky Martin celebrates the first birthday of his twin sons Matteo and Valentino — born to a surrogate last year — he says he wants to stay a hands-on dad.



"I don't have a nanny," he said. "I don't want to miss a moment. I'm the one who changes the diapers, the one that feeds them, the one that bathes them, the one that puts them to sleep."

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Fans freak me out: Kristen

RABID TEEN FANS Kristen Stewart admits she's completely freaked out by her obsessive fans.

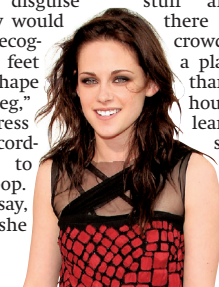
"I'm scared. I feel like I could go out in disguise but they would still recognize my feet or the shape of my leg," the actress said, according to Hollyscoop. "They'd say, 'Hey, she looks about

right.' And they would just bag me. It's scary."

And Stewart admits she's not adapting to fame all that easily. "I can't remember what my normal life is like," she said.

"Because of Internet stuff and Twitter, there will be a crowd if you are in a place for more than half an hour. I've learned never to stay in the same place for more than 20 minutes."

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Jesus cries if he wants to at Madge's party

HEARTBREAKER Madonna made her model boyfriend cry when she refused to wear jewelry he bought her for her birthday, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Jesus Luz, 22, gave the singer a set of South American good-luck bracelets, made of thin ribbons which are

said to grant the wearer three wishes when they break, at her 51st birthday party on Sunday.

Madonna smiled when she opened the present, but was quick to tell Luz she couldn't wear it, leaving him in tears.

A source told Britain's Daily Mir-

ror newspaper: "Madonna said that although she loved the bracelets she wouldn't wear them because they clashed with her Kabbalah bracelets."

"Jesus was crestfallen and he had words with her."

Later the same night, Madonna praised her lover in a speech at the party before running across the room to passionately kiss him.

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Future mom of Jude's baby a virtual stranger?

OUCH Jude Law doesn't even remember the mother-to-be of his fourth child, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

A friend of Samantha Burke — who is pregnant with Law's baby — claims she hasn't seen or been in personal contact with him since he left New York.

The unnamed pal told E! Online: "She met him at a club in New York. He was sick, so she kept going to

his hotel over the course of a week to take care of him."

"But Jude didn't even remember her. She hasn't seen him since New York. They've only been in contact through their lawyers."

The friend also said she believes Burke, 24,

is "crazy" to go through with the pregnancy. Burke recently denied she is a "gold digger" who is only after Law's money.

The model wrote on her blog: "When I found out I was pregnant, I was scared. I didn't jump for joy because I 'hit the jackpot' — I cried."

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George faces off with Fox's Bill O'Reilly

ARGUMENT George Clooney's long-standing feud with Bill O'Reilly is fired up again after the Fox News host questioned whether paparazzi shots reportedly taken of a topless teenager at the actor's Italian retreat exist, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The two men first clashed when O'Reilly questioned the handling of charity cash for Clooney's post-9/11

telethon — and challenged the star to a debate. Clooney refused. Clooney said he plans to sue the paparazzo who he claimed scaled the walls of his Lake Como villa to shoot a young guest changing in her room.

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Saturday
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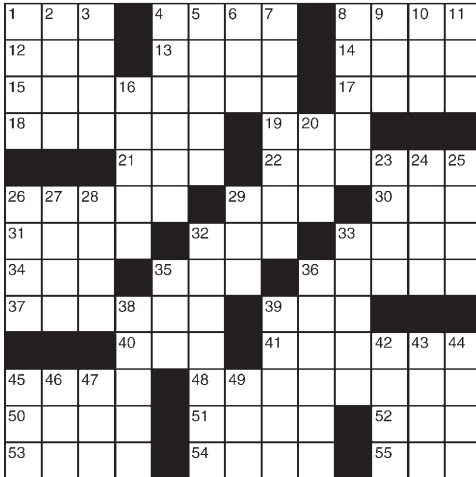


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30 Shock partner
31 Viscous
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33 — gin fizz
34 Spoon-bender
Geller
35 Pair
36 Ledge

37 First First Lady
39 Broadcast
40 "— the ram-parts ..."
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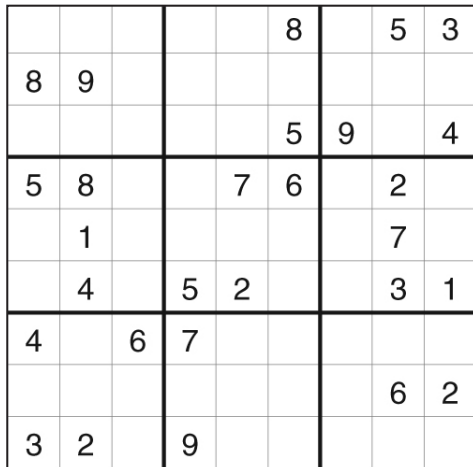
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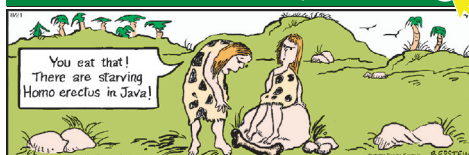


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Pork with Watermelon Salsa

INGREDIENTS:

1 cup (250 ml) seeded chopped watermelon
1/2 cup (125 ml) chopped strawberries
1/2 cup (125 ml) chopped kiwi
1/4 cup chopped peaches
3 tbsp (45 ml) lime juice
4 tsp (20 ml) honey
1/2 tsp (2 ml) grated lime peel
1 to 2 mint leaves, chopped
1/2 cup (125 ml) peach preserves
3 pork tenderloins (3/4 lb/375 g each)

METHOD:

1. Coat barbecue rack or grill pan rack with nonstick cooking spray before starting. Prepare bar-

becue for indirect heat, using a drip pan. Salsa: in a small bowl, combine the fruit, lime juice, honey, lime peel and mint; set aside. In a pot, heat the preserves for 1 minute.
2. Grill pork, covered, over indirect medium-hot heat for 15 minutes. Turn; brush with some of the preserves. Grill 10-15 minutes longer or until juices run clear and a meat thermometer reads 160 F (71 C), basting occasionally with preserves. Serve with salsa.

SERVES 6

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ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20

This could be an emotional day, if not for you personally then certainly for someone you are close to.



TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

Don't let your responsibilities weigh you down. You may have no choice but to work hard and help other people but you must also do things for yourself.



LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23

The planets warn that if you try to push an issue today you will lose out in a big way. Everything that is meant to happen will happen at the proper time.



SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22

No matter where you may be and no matter what you may be doing you must think positive.



GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21

It's not often you give in to despair but the cosmic picture warns you are too involved in the negative side of what's going on.



SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21

If you make a mistake you must get it right the first chance you get. It may not be in your nature to go round saying sorry but this time you must.



CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

You are not responsible for other people's woes and you may need to remind yourself of that fact today.



CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20

By all means make plans but be ready to change them at a moment's notice if a shift in your circumstances calls for it.



LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23

You may be in two minds about which way to move today, but who says you have to move at all?



AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18

Be careful what you say today because with Mercury, planet of communication, aspecting Uranus, planet of surprises, others may try to twist your words.



VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22

Not everyone has your level of common sense and someone, a friend or a family member, will do something rather silly today.



PISCES

FEB 19-MARCH 20

You may not want to give any clues about what you are up to but if you clam up completely others may start to wonder what you've got to hide.



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